

**FAILURE TO COMPLETE & SUBMIT BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM BY
JULY 23, 2010, MAY EXTEND YOUR TIME AT PROCESSING**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Illinois State Board of Education is requiring school districts to re-identify race and ethnicity for all students. The new data collection process requires parents to indicate ethnicity and then choose one or more of five races. (In the past, individuals were allowed to choose only one race or ethnicity category.) The new race and ethnicity data will be used in reporting and analyzing test results by race and ethnicity. The information will not be used to check immigration status, and the confidentiality of individual student information will be protected. Below is the form that parents or guardians need to complete to identify race and ethnicity and be sure to answer both parts of the two-part question. Return the completed form by July 23, 2010.

RACE/ETHNICITY FORM

Instructions: This form is to be filled out by the student's parents/guardians and both questions must be answered. If you decline to respond to either question, the school district is required to provide the missing information by observer identification.

PART 1: Is this student Hispanic/Latino? (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.) This question is about ethnicity, not race. **Choose only one.**

- No, not Hispanic/Latino** **Yes, Hispanic/Latino**

PART 2: What is the student's race? *Choose all that apply.*

American Indian or Alaska Native (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America, including Central America, and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.)

Asian (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, Indian, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.)

Black or African American (A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.)

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.)

White (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.)

**** IMPORTANT → PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE STUDENT DATA
INFORMATION FORM ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE**